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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FONMIN AIDE MEMOIRE DATED MARCH 18 CONCERNING SUBJECT ALLEGED VIOLATION. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE IS OUOTED BELOW.

QUOTE ON MARCH 2ND, 1975, AT 0804 B, AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT (TYPE GULF STREAM) ENTERED, AT POSITION 4059 N - 2620 E, THROUGH THE AIR CORRIDOR G-12, THE ATHENS F.I.R, HEADING FOR ALEXANDROUPOLIS. THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF THE SAID AIRCRAFT, WHILE FLYING ABOVE ALEXANDROUPOLIS, REPORTED TO THE ATHENS FLIGHTS CONTROL CENTER THAT HE WAS CARRYING OUT A FLIGHT FROM TEHERAN TO NICE AND THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE AIR CORRIDOR G12 WAS CLOSED TO AIR CIRCULATION. AT 0817 B OF THE SAME DAY THE SAID AIRCRAFT FLYING AT 350 DEGREE DIRECTED ITSELF, TO POSITION 4117 N - 2549 E NEAR THE GREEK-BULGARIAN FRONTIERS AND THEN, FLYING AT UNCLASSIFIED

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150 DEGREES, LEFT, AT 0820 B, THE GREEK AIR SPACE FROM POSITION

4107 N- 2617 E, HEADING FOR CONSTANTINOPLE THROUGH THE AIR CORRIDOR G 12. THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF THIS AIRCRAFT A) CONTRAVENED THE GREEK AIR CIRCULATION REGULATIONS BECAUSE, WITHOUT HAVING SUBMITTED, AS HE SHOULD HAVE DONE, A FLIGHT SCHEDULE, ATTEMPTED TO FLY WITHIN THE GREEK AIR SPACE AND ESPECIALLY THROUGH A CLOSED AIR CORRIDOR. B) VIOLATED THE GREEK AIR SPACE AS IT IS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERWITH.

C) CONTRAVENED THE REGULATIONS OF THE AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION PUBLICATIONS, GREECE, WHICH FORBID FLIGHTS WITHIN THE GREEK AIR SPACE, OUTSIDE ESTABLISHED AIR CORRIDORS. THIS MINISTRY, WHILE PROTESTING FOR THE VIOLATIONS BY THE ABOVE CITED USA AIRCRAFT OF THE SEVEREIGN RIGHTS OF GREECE OVER HER AIR SPACE AS WELL AS OF THE PERTINENT REGULATIONS, REQUESTTHE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES SO THAT IN THE FUTURE, THESE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS ARE AVOIDED UNQUOTE.

- 2. FONMIN AIDE MEMOIRE WITH MAP OF AREA IN WHICH VIOLATION OCCURRED POUCHED UNDER COVER OF EMBASSY AIRGRAM A-61, DATED MARCH 24, 1975.
- 3. REFTELS CONCERN SIMILAR CASE WHICH PENDING SINCE SEPT 1975.#
- 4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE FOR ANSWERING FONMIN. KUBISCH

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